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Sheriff Election Story

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Republican candidate for sheriff of Orange County, Thomas Stanley said ~~that~~ his five years as a deputy sheriff makes him more qualified to be ~~elected~~ sheriff than his opponent, Ruth Wise ^{who is} ~~is~~ years as a "community activist."

In his speech before the county Republican Club in Placentia on Sunday, Stanley said, "A sheriff has to wear a gun and be ready to arrest dangerous people. Ruth has raised three children. I've personally arrested two bank robbers, with my gun drawn. We're not electing someone to the school board here. We're choosing the county's top law enforcement officer . . ."

Al Jensen, Stanley's campaign manager, said ~~that~~ Stanley's speech reflected a change in tactics. "We've been trying to be chivalrous up to now," Jensen said. But with the election looking close he said ~~that~~ it was "time to play hard ball" and make it "clear to the voters exactly what choice they're facing here."

In a reaction to Stanley's speech, Wise said ~~that~~ she did not want to get involved in "a name calling contest." She said that while Stanley has a right to be proud of his record "the point is who will do the best job of running this department, not who has arrested the most people." She added that her work as head of the Neighborhood Protection Association, which has

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worked closely with the sheriff's department, is a strong qualification.

She said, "If a woman can be a Supreme Court justice, and a nominee for vice president of the United States, she can be a sheriff."

The election will be on ~~December~~ ⁷. The current sheriff, George Jonson, is retiring.

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